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Inventor(s): Liu et al.

Confirmation No.:

Application No.: 10/061,830

Examiner: Yuan

Filing Date: Jan 31, 2002

Group Art Unit: 1745

Title: Fuel Cells And Drop Producing Devices That May Be Used With Fuel Cells

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified applicaiton.

**NOTE:** 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

(X) Previously submitted:

(X) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on June 23, 2004.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

( ) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_.

(X) Enclosed:

( ) Amendment/Reply

( ) Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)

( ) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

(X) Other Comments Concerning the Advisory Action Dated July 23, 2004 \_\_\_\_\_.

Miscellaneous

( ) Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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02 FC:1251 110.00 DA

(X) RCE filing fee \$770.00

(X) A Petition for Extension of Time

(X)	one month	\$110.00
( )	two months	\$420.00
( )	three months	\$950.00
( )	four months	\$1480.00

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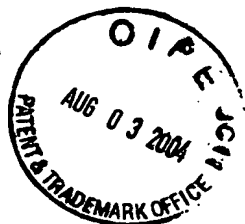
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## COMMENTS CONCERNING THE ADVISORY ACTION

**DATED JULY 23, 2004**

Sir:

Applicant filed a response to the April 7, 2004 Final Office Action on June 23, 2004 ("the June 23, 2004 response") and has now requested that the June 23, 2004 response be entered and considered. [See the Request for Continued Examination being filed concurrently herewith.] The June 23, 2004 response included amendments to page 5 of the specification and extensive arguments explaining why the amendments to page 5 are not "new matter." [See pages 12-15 of the June 23, 2004 response.] The July 23, 2004 Advisory Action indicated that the amendments to page 5 of the specification constitute "new matter." The July 23, 2004 Advisory Action did not, however, address many of applicant's arguments. By way of example, but not limitation, the July 23, 2004 Advisory Action did not even begin to address the arguments concerning the portions of the specification quoted on pages 13 and 14 of the June 23, 2004 response and the relationship between the quoted portions of the specification and the drawings.

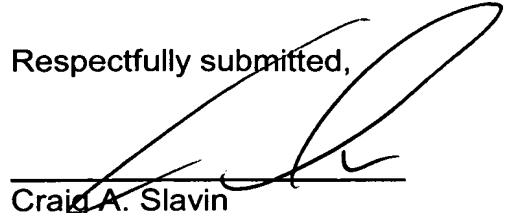
Accordingly, if the "new matter" objection is maintained in the next Office Action, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner specifically respond to each

of the points made by applicant on pages 12-15 of the June 23, 2004 response in order to crystallize the issues and place the application in proper form for petition or appeal.

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